Secretary, Department of Legal Affairs, Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi.

Chairman, Railway Board, Rail Bhavan, New Delhi.

Implementation of Employment Assurance Scheme in the North-East

4194. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the achievements of Employment Assurance Scheme in the North Eastern States since its start, Statewise; and

(b) whether it is implemented through a State-level Employment Advisory Committee or through the Gram Panchayats?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VARMA): (a) The information may please be seen in Annexue. [*See* Appendix 180. Annexure No. 87]

(b) The District Collector/Dy. Commissioner of the District is the "Implementing Authority" of the Employment Assurance Scheme (EAS) and he gets the work done through implementing agencies in the district. There are district level EAS Committees and block EAS Committees to supervise the implementation of EAS in Accordance with EAS guidelines.

IRDP Plan for Vishakhapatnam

4195. DR. MOHAN BABU: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Integrated Rural Development Programme plan for Visakhapatnam;

(b) the number of beneficiaries likely to be benefited, STs, SCs ad OBCs, separately; and

(c) the period for which the programme is proposed to be funded?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VARMA): (a) IRDP is Centrally Sponsored Scheme and implemented in all the DRDAs of the States including Visakhapatnam of Andhra Pradesh. The expenditure under the Scheme is shared on 50:50 basis between the Centre and the State. During 1996-97 an amount of Rs.99.785 lakhs was released as Central Share to the DRDA Visakhapatnam against the Central Allcoation of Rs. 148.86 lakhs. The amount released is to be sent as per the annual action plan approved by the Governing Body of the DRDA.

(b) No physical targets are fixed by the Centre under the programme as the department is now laying more emphasis on per family investment by higher credit mobilisation. However, in the guidelines it has been specified that atleast 50% of the beneficiaries under the programme should be from SCs/STs. No specific targets have been stipulated for OBCs under the programe. SC/ST beneficiaries likely to be benefitted under the programme will be about 50% of the total number of IRDP beneficiaries in the district.

(c) IRDP is an on going programme and is likely to be continued during the 9th five year plan also.

CAPART Assistance to Voluntary Organisations of Gujarat

4196. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether district-wise assistance is being provided to the voluntary organisations of Gujarat;

(b) the details of complaints received so far against the voluntary

organisations of Gujarat;

(c) the action taken by Government against them; and

(d) the extent to which the objectives of CAPART have been achieved so far in the State and the steps taken to make the scheme successful?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VARMA): (a) CAPART does not make district-wise allocation of funds. Funds are released by CAPART to the voluntary organisations for the projects sanctioned by it based on the prescribed criteria and as per the guidelines of the relevant schemes.

(b) CAPART has not received any complaint against any voluntary organisation assisted by it in Gujarat.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) By and large, voluntary organisations assisted by CAPART in Gujarat have been able to achieve objectives of the sanctioned projects. CAPART has, however, further strengthened its monitoring and evaluation machanism to ensure more effective and proper implementation of the sanctioned projects by voluntary organisations.

Diversion of Rural Employment Funds in Assam

4197. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of money allotted by the Central Government to the Assam Government for rural employment and other similar schemes for 1996-97;

(b) whether the said amount has been spent for generating rural employment so far;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether any funds have been diverted to other uses; and

(e) if so, how much and what steps the Central Government propose to take to check it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VARMA): (a) to (c) The amount allocated by the Central Government and that spent by the Government of Assam for major rural employment Programmes namely IRDP (Integrated Rural Development Programme), JRY (Jawahar Rozgar Yojana), EAS (Employment Assurance Scheme) for 1996-97 is as follows:

(Rs. in lakhs)

Name of the Scheme	Allocation/ Release	Expenditure (Upto February, 1997)
IRDP	1371.75	1600.68
JRY	4574.54	3373.29
EAS	10820.00*	5244.41

*Since EAS is a demand driven scheme, no allocation is made. The Figure indicated amount released.

(d) and (e) Steps taken by the Government to check diversion of funds includes devising of detailed monitoring mechanism for various rural employment and poverty alleviation programmes which consists, inter-alia, of obtaining periodical progress reports/returns, financial returns/audit reports, intensive field inspections, reviews and monitoring by committees and by senior officers with the State Secretaries, Commissioners etc.